

Weekly Status and Information Report: Week of September 5 - 9, 2011

Official City Meetings Scheduled the Week of September 12, 2011:

- City Council meeting, Monday, September 12, 7:30 p.m. in the Auditorium
 - Recreation Committee meeting, Monday, September 12, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Facade Advisory Board meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 7 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
 - Tree Commission meeting, Tuesday, September 13, 6:30 p.m. in the Lilac Room
 - Takoma Junction Task Force meeting, Wednesday, September 14, 7:30 p.m. in the Hydrangea Room
- All meetings are held in the Community Center and open to the public unless noted otherwise. Contact JessieC@takomagov.org to check for cancellations or for additional information. *(City Clerk)*

Yard Waste and Branch Collection: Monday yard waste collection resumes on Monday, September 12. This collection accepts yard waste in paper bags or stiff sided containers -- no plastic bags. Items can include grass, leaves, branches, and brush. Branches must be less than 3 inches in diameter and less than 4 feet long, and tied into bundles or stacked in a can. *(Public Works)*

Storm Debris: For tree debris from the storm that is larger than 3 inches in diameter and/or 4 feet long, collection will be extended through September 16. Place branches at the curbside. The removal of sections of trees that fell across City roads and were pushed to the side will resume next week. Most of this work will be done by a City contractor. *(Public Works)*

September is National Preparedness Month. Are You Ready? The Takoma Park Emergency Preparedness Committee has important information to share and two new short videos. Review the information at: <http://takomaparkmd.gov/committees/epc/> . *(City Clerk)*

"Art for a Green World" - Opening Reception Tonight: Join us as we celebrate the work of local Ethiopian artist, Selehi Feseha, this evening from 6 to 8 p.m. in the Atrium Gallery at the Takoma Park Community Center. Mr. Feseha's art focuses on themes of the environment and global warming, using a unique 'thread on canvas' process he developed as an alternative to chemical-laden oil paints. A great opportunity to meet the artist. <http://www.facebook.com/#!/event.php?eid=193658700701963> *(Housing and Community Development)*

New Company to be Inaugurated Next Friday! A new company, Blessed Coffee, will be officially inaugurated on September 16, at 11:30 a.m. at the Gazebo (Carroll and Westmoreland Avenues). The event will feature traditional Ethiopian music and a coffee ceremony. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Poetry Reading Series Begins New Season: The Arts and Humanities Commission's popular poetry reading series "third Thursday," kicks off its 2011-2012 series next Thursday, September 15 at 7:30 p.m. in the Takoma Park Community Center Auditorium. The work of poets Clara Changxin Fang, Gabe Heilig, Chloe Yelena Miller, and Meredith Pond will be featured. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Tenant Rights Class - September 13: Don't miss our free class on "Knowing Your Rights as a Tenant in Takoma Park" Do you have questions about your security deposit, entry into your rental unit, or giving a notice to vacate? The Landlord-Tenant staff will answer your questions and also give you some of the basics of the Takoma Park Landlord-Tenant law. Pre-registration is required by calling 301-891-7215. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Credit Management - First Class on September 21: Anyone interested in learning more about credit, how it all started, and how to improve it should consider taking this class. Its the first of a two-part series and will be held at the Takoma Park Community Center, 7500 Maple Avenue on Wednesday, September 21 from 7 to 9:15 p.m. The class is free for Takoma Park residents and \$25 for non-residents. Pre-registration is required at the Takoma Park Recreation Department. For further information about the class, please call 301-891-7222. *(Housing and Community Development)*

Sept 22 is Car Free Day! Help the City and the world celebrate sustainable transportation on Car Free Day, Thursday September 22. Go Car Free or Car-Lite and make a difference by bicycling, walking,

teleworking, carpooling, vanpooling or taking transit. Pledge even if you're already using these transportation alternatives and make sure the City is counted! <http://www.carfreemetrodc.com/>.
(Housing and Community Development)

Ethan Allen Gateway Streetscape Project Update: Survey work to assess the existing conditions, measure physical infrastructure and locate property lines along Ethan Allen and East-West Highway near New Hampshire Avenue begins Monday, weather permitting. This work is expected to last approximately a month. For more information, contact Carman Lam at 301-891-7219 or CarmanL@takomagov.org.
(Housing and Community Development)

"Go Deep" Flag Football Program: With the start of the NFL season, many kids have dreams of becoming professional football players. Sign up today for the flag football program and you won't have to wait until you grow up to throw a touchdown pass! "Go Deep" Flag Football starts Sept. 28, so sign up today! For more information or to register, visit: <http://www.takomaparkmd.gov/recreation/> or call 301 891-7290.
(Recreation)

Winter Basketball League - Teams are Now Being Formed! Teams are now being formed for the 2012 Winter Basketball League. This program is open to all girls and boys ages 5 - 12 and in grades K - 8. Registration will be accepted on a first-come, first-served basis as space is limited. Youth will be introduced to the fundamentals of basketball and the art of team basketball. To register online please visit: www.activenet.active.com/takomaparkrecreation. For additional information or if you are interested in being a volunteer coach please contact Lew McAllister at 301-891-7284 or LewM@takomagov.org.
(Recreation)

Ladies Boot Camp Kicks Off: Ladies Boot Camp began on Tuesday, September 6 after a summer hiatus. There are 10 participants signed up for this intense one-hour workout. Class meets on Tuesday and Thursday at 6:30 p.m. Spaces are still available, but limited. Register today to secure your spot!
(Recreation)

Pilates: The Takoma Park Recreation Center began a new session for Pilates on Wednesday, September 7. This exciting and challenging one-hour workout is led by Nancy Nickell, a well qualified instructor. The class is a combination of precision body toning, stretching, and core strengthening, with a focus on exercising the whole body to reach your goal of a leaner, stronger body. Class meets on Wednesdays at 6 p.m. Register now and enjoy the workout. (Recreation)

Mac Class for Seniors: A new class for seniors, Introduction to Mac Computers, began this week on Wednesday, September 7, in the Multi-Media Lab. This special six-week session is filled to capacity with eight seniors eager to learn the fundamentals of using a Mac computer. On the same day, the Fall Session I of our general computer class for seniors was also filled to capacity. That class is learning to use the Internet, word processing, and e-mail for the first time. Session II will begin October 26.
(Recreation)

Gentle Yoga for Seniors: Sixteen seniors began the eight-week fall session of Gentle Yoga on Friday, September 9 in the Community Center Dance Room. This popular class will take place at noon on alternate Fridays through December. (Recreation)

Brain Games for Seniors is Back! Beginning September 6, this workshop will take place on the first Tuesday of each month at 11:30 a.m. in the Community Center Senior Room. Workshops will continue into spring 2012. Seniors can enjoy a variety of cognitive puzzle challenges and games aimed at improving memory and creative thinking. The next workshop takes place on Tuesday, October 4.
(Recreation)

Have You Registered for Fall Classes? Registration for Fall 2011 classes opened this week. Class offerings include: Crochet, Advanced Dog Training, Drawing, Make Your Own Crafts, Cartoon Drawing, Pottery, and Pilates. The Takoma Park Recreation Department offers classes for everyone. Go to takomaparkmd.gov/recreation to view our Fall Guide and to register. (Recreation)

Decisions, Decisions: Afternoon Addition started taking registrations for the many club offerings that are included in the program: Taekwondo with Master Shoenbrun, Art with Ms. Rain, and several clubs offered by staff including drama, team sports, chess, science, and swimming. Clubs are slated to begin the week of September 19. *(Recreation)*

Recreation Manager Presents to Regional CAO's: As a participant in the year-long Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments (COG) Institute for Regional Excellence, Recreation Manager Eric Rasch conducted research on the decline of tree canopies in the Washington Metropolitan Region. This past Wednesday, he and other members of his team presented their findings and recommendations to regional Chief Administrative Officers and others in attendance at COG headquarters. *(Recreation)*

Emergency Preparedness: On September 8, Captain Coursey attended the regularly scheduled meeting of the Emergency Preparedness Committee. Items discussed included receipt of feedback regarding the emergency management efforts during the earthquake and Hurricane Irene. The Committee also reviewed a draft version of a guidance document for elected officials in emergency events. The final version is to be ready near the end of the month. A subcommittee was formed to look further at a partnership with the Lion's Club in managing a volunteer coordination center concept that could be employed during a major emergency. *(Police)*

Increased Police Presence: Throughout the coming weekend, the Takoma Park Police will be putting additional staff on the streets with a particular purpose of providing additional presence in areas of critical infrastructure in or near the City, as well as a more visible presence during major public events such as the Folk Festival. The main goal is to take on a more pro-active posture, rather than merely re-active. This is a theme being carried out in coordination with many other area jurisdictions given the recent threat assessment information for the greater D.C. and New York areas. *(Police)*

Crime Report: The Crime Analyst is out of town at training so this report will be doubled next week. *(Police)*

Traffic Enforcement:

Officers conducted at least 145 traffic stops, which resulted in citations, one Controlled Dangerous Substance (CDS) arrest from traffic and one warrant arrest from traffic. During September 1-8, 2011, the following details were completed:

September 1, 2011

East West Highway & New Hampshire Avenue (improper turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three State citations and one warning.

Takoma-Langley Crossroads area (tag reader/suspensions) - conducted a detail at various times and issued six State citations.

September 2, 2011

Houston Avenue at Roanoke Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued four State citations.

September 5, 2011

Holton Lane at New Hampshire Avenue (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued three warnings.

September 6, 2011

Westmoreland Avenue & 4th Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued one warning.

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New Hampshire Avenue & Holton Lane (no u-turn) - conducted a 60-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

Maple Avenue & Lincoln Avenue (miscellaneous enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

Maple Avenue & Sherman Avenue (stop sign enforcement) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued no citations or warnings.

September 8, 2011

New Hampshire Avenue at Holton Lane (no left turn/no u-turn) - conducted a 30-minute detail and issued two warnings.

(Police)

Traffic Officer Stats (Corporal Michelle Holmes) for the Week Ending September 8, 2011:

Calls for service: 3

State Citations issued: 65

City tickets: 3

Reports: 3

Safety Equipment Repair Orders: 3

Warnings: 1

Court: 3.5 hours

(Police)